

First Friday e-Call



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FRIDAY e-CALL

What Can Kansas Tourism Do for Your Town's Economic Development?
Bridgette Jobe, Kansas Tourism Director

Join Us **March 3, 2023**
9:30am

Register Today
<https://ksre-learn.com/ecall>

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This month's First Friday e-Call, March 3, 2023 from 9:30am to 10:30am is with Kansas Tourism. Register now for this webinar to see what Kansas Tourism can do for your town's economic development. The First Friday e-calls are hosted by Kansas State and are designed to show entrepreneurial resources available to the county.

Mark your calendars for April's call which will be Friday, April 7 at 9:30am to 10:30am Using AirBNBs to Support a Vibrant Local Economy. AirBNB owners will share their experiences with AirBNBs as a support for small towns, trails, and other local attractions.

Registration link:
https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/#sign_up

Living Well Wednesday – Stretching Your Food Dollar

Are you looking for ways stretch your budget dollars for food?

Rising costs at the grocery store impact all of us.

This webinar will help you discover ways to make your dollars go further, including bargain shopping and reducing food waste.

Join us on March 8 at 12:15 pm.
Register at: <http://bit.ly/LWW2023>

In case you missed it, the January Living Well Wednesday was Estate Planning: Legal Documents You Need.

See webinar recording:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtRDvUuQSmA>.



We are returning to the Extension Office for the March Teach & Taste. Plan to come join us **March 8, 2023 at 6:30pm** as we show you how to make Mini Quiche Cups and have a sample for you to try.

Did you know?

When most people think of quiche, they tend to assume that it's French in origin. That's only natural, since it was in France that quiche first became popular, and it's been a staple of French cuisine for centuries. Surprisingly, though, the quiche actually originated in Germany.

Class is FREE but please register using link or QR Code!



<https://tinyurl.com/TeachandTasteMarch>

Mark Your Calendar: April 12, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office for Roasted Jalapeno Peppers.



LIVING WELL WEDNESDAY
K-State Research and Extension Webinar Series

Stretching Your Food Budget

Rising costs at the grocery store affect all of us. Join us as we discover ways of stretching those dollars...from reducing food waste to bargain shopping.

Wednesday, March 8
12:15 - 1:00pm CST

Register online: <https://bit.ly/LWW2023> or by scanning the QR code below.



Cassidy Lutz
FCS Agent
Southwind District



Julie Smith
FCS Agent
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Conditions can change rapidly in the Sunflower State



In Kansas, we can have a cold front come through that drops temperatures 50 degrees (Fahrenheit) in just a couple hours. Or, we can go from clear skies to heavy snow very quickly. While Kansans can't do anything about the weather, Redmond says they can prepare themselves to withstand brutal conditions – and keep themselves safe.

Cold temperatures:

“The first thing that comes to my mind for winter weather safety is the cold, which brings different dangers – just as heat does in the summer,” Redmond said.

“Our bodies just aren't prepared to take cold for long periods of time. The cold can quickly have negative effects, especially when we factor in wind chill.”

Redmond urges people to dress in layers and wear a stocking cap and mittens anytime they must face outdoor cold. He said frostbite or hypothermia happen very quickly.

Stocking caps help to keep heat from releasing through the head and “keeps the overall ambient temperature of your body warmer,” according to Redmond. Mittens are preferred over gloves because it maintains warmth by keeping the fingers closely together.

Travel safety:

The State of Kansas regularly updates road conditions on the website, <https://kandrive.org>. Redmond encourages those planning travel to check the forecast along the path they will drive, including road conditions.

Redmond also suggests keeping an emergency kit in a car in case the vehicle gets stalled while traveling. In addition to warm clothing, he suggests such items as:

- **Snow brush and ice scraper.**
- **Jumper cables or jumpstarter.**
- **Blankets.**
- **Cell phone charger.**
- **Snack foods.**
- **Water, or other liquid such as electrolyte drinks.**
- **Flashlight.**
- **Sand in a small container.**



Travel safety (cont'd):

• Chains or other items to help in pulling a vehicle out of a ditch.

A car's tires may need some extra air in the winter because they shrink when they get cold, Redmond said. "If you have underinflated tires," he said, "you're not going to optimize the grip of that rubber, so you're going to slip and slide a lot more."



Safety at home:

It's been a few years since Kansas has been hit by a widespread ice storm, but Redmond says current indications for a colder than normal winter increases the probability of damaging ice this year.

"Trees are probably the most likely to be damaged in an ice storm," he said. "Be aware of weakened trees and that you're going to lose branches. It takes about one-quarter inch of ice to see really big impacts."

Roads don't normally accumulate one-quarter inch of ice, "so it's not as big of a problem for travelers," Redmond said. "But anything that is standing and tall – such as power lines and trees and gutters – are at risk of falling."

Redmond also urges homeowners to use caution when removing snow from driveways and sidewalks.

"It's very demanding physically," he said. "One of the leading causes of winter heart attacks is shoveling snow because of the stress of pushing that snow -- especially when it is heavy and wet, formed with temperatures near freezing or when it becomes packed."



By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

County Connection E-News

To register to receive updates on upcoming events, calendar updates, webinars, senior and military discounts available, county resource phone numbers, as well as tips and tricks to make life easier.

County Connection Sign-Up

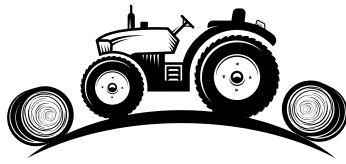


<http://eepurl.com/iicSFn>



AG NEWS

SHAD MARSTON
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Tractor Safety Course Dates & Locations:

*April 22nd-Russell, KS
Russell County 4-H Building*

CONTACTS: Craig Dinkel: cadinkel@ksu.edu or 785-472-4442
Alicia Boor: aboor@ksu.edu or 620-793-1910

*April 29th-Beloit, KS
Carrico Implement*

CONTACTS: Blaire Todd: blairet@ksu.edu or 785-738-3597
Kaitlyn Hilderbrand: khildebrand@ksu.edu or 785-243-8185

*May 25th-Salina, KS
Great Plains Manufacturing*

CONTACTS: Jay Wisbey: jwisbey@ksu.edu or 785-309-5850
Justine Henderson: jwh04@ksu.edu or 785-392-2147



Spring Beef Shows

2 Shows. 1 Weekend. 1 Location.

Saturday May 6th: Beauty & The Beast

Sunday May 7th: McPherson County Spring Beef Show

McPherson County Fairgrounds: CANTON, KS

**For more information contact:
Jason Beltz at 620-654-6999
OR
Jeff Kruse at 620-755-5222**



March 7
8:30 AM

McPherson Opera House
Grand Ballroom
216 S Main Street
McPherson, KS 67460

**Online registration is open at
<https://kswheat.com/wheat-rx-registration-page>**

Wheat Rx is a partnership between Kansas Wheat Commission and K-State Research and Extension to disseminate the latest research recommendations for high-yielding and high-quality wheat to Kansas wheat farmers.

Wheat Rx schools will have speakers sharing the most up-to-date wheat research information on how to manage your wheat crop not only for yield but also for quality and sustainability, as well as industry partners sharing how growers can capitalize on high protein wheat. Detailed agendas for each school are being finalized and will be shared soon.

Registration for the event is \$110 for non-members of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. However, members (including new members) will receive one free registration. Lunch and meeting materials are included with the registration fee.



Being a good Neighbor when owning livestock:
Kansas Fence Laws

Shad Marston, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent

From rural landowners, perhaps one of the most common questions I get is their concern of partition fences. Partition fences are those that separate adjoining lands. Kansas has numerous laws concerning partition fences. Those laws involve such issues as the construction of fences and what a fence is to be built of, what is deemed to be a "legal" fence, liability for damages caused by livestock that escape their enclosure and the maintenance of such fences.

Kansas was originally a free-range state, but this has changed over the years. Kansas is now a fence-in jurisdiction. In general, owners of adjoining lands are required to build and maintain partition fences in equal shares, unless the parties agree otherwise. The "right-hand rule" is not the law as most of us were taught. The law states EQUAL SHARES. If a non-livestock owner fails to participate in maintenance of a partition fence, they cannot recover damages caused by the adjacent landowner's livestock. Non-livestock owners will be held liable to others who are damaged by the neighbor's livestock escaping through the defective partition fence that the non-livestock owner is required to maintain. In an agricultural setting, usage of property may determine property boundaries. An existing fence may become the legal boundary, regardless of the surveyed line, after 15 years.

Building and maintenance of fences. Many conflicts may be able to be resolved by mutual agreement of the parties. If an irreconcilable dispute does arise, it may be best to involve the fence viewers as soon as possible. County commissioners are the fence viewers. A legal fence, by Kansas law, is a barbed wire fence containing at least 3 wires. Other types of fences can also be legal fences in Kansas, including: Post and rails, Post and planks, Stone, plus others... Barbed wire fences must be at least 4 feet tall and must contain at least 3 wires. The third wire from the ground must be at 44-48 inches from ground. Bottom wire is to be 18-24 inches from ground and the center wire equidistant between upper and lower wires. All wires need to be well stretched and barbed. Barbs should not be more than 9 inches apart and the barbed wire must be composed of two wires not smaller than No. 13, or one wire no smaller than No. 9. All wires must be securely fastened to posts. Posts are not to be more than two rods apart and no less than 20 inches in the ground.

Electric Fence. At least one 14-gauge wire (or its equivalent) not more than 48 inches from the ground. Note: County Commissioners have the power to declare electric fences not legal in the county, but in McPherson county electric fences are legal.

Partition Fence Maintenance Disputes: Fence viewers will view the fence and then assign to each party, in writing, an equal share to build, maintain, or repair fence. Their decision is final, conclusive, non-appealable, and binding upon the parties and succeeding occupants of the land. Decision is recorded at the Register of Deeds office.

Liability for Trespassing Animals: If the fence is faulty, the livestock owner is liable for any resulting damages. If the fence is in good shape, livestock owner is generally not liable unless there was negligence (open gate, animals always out and no attempt to contain them).

Injury to Motorists: The same rules apply here as above. The Livestock owner is usually not liable for damages. They must be proven negligent in Kansas. The Livestock owner is generally not liable for vehicle or medical damages in automobile/livestock collision cases.

Trees on Property line: A landowner has the right to trim branches that overhang their property, even though the trunk of the tree is on the neighbor's land. This pertains to all properties. Communication is key here. A landowner may NOT go on the neighbor's property to remove the tree without permission.

In Summary: The best way to avoid fence disputes with adjoining landowners is to maintain communication and have at least a general understanding of the Kansas rules involving fences. Always talk to your neighbor before you hire the surveyor, if you think there is a problem. Set up a time to meet up with your neighbor and volunteer to help with fence repairs. Landowners should not just build or repair the fence and then send your neighbor a bill! Talk to your neighbor before you trim their tree and let them know your plans or concerns. Remember, a 3-wire barbed wire fence is legal fence in Kansas. An Electric fence is also a legal fence here in McPherson County. The right-hand rule is NOT the law, but works for many in most cases. A landowner can go onto a neighbor's property to repair or replace a fence and is not considered trespassing. A Livestock owner is not responsible for damages unless found negligent. Adjoining landowners – whether they use the fence or not – share responsibility for maintenance of the fence. In any event, it remains clear that good fences make good neighbors. Are you a good neighbor?



Clover Corner

LINDSEY MUETING
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

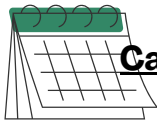


Happy March! The weather is getting warmer and Spring Break is coming! I hope this means extra time for you to be working with, creating or practicing with your selected 4-H projects! Remember you can drop and add projects until May 1.

March brings the Community Foundation MATCH WEEK which we are fully participating in this year as we combine this with our annual Development Fund Drive! Let's share, share, share and see how big of a Match check we can receive to help fund our 4-H programs! (See more info within newsletter!)

I also am writing this newsletter as one of my last tasks as the McPherson County 4-H Youth Development Agent. My final day in the office is scheduled as March 10. I want to thank each of you for the service you have given to the program, learning and memories. I know there will be GREAT things ahead for the 4-H program and for YOU in the future! Continue learning, growing and doing great things!

~Lindsey



Calendar of Events

March

- 6-10 Match Week- Community Foundation
- 14 Crazy Clover Day Camp (7-10 year olds)
- 20 4-H Club Day Entries Due (Online) for April 1 Event!

Multi-County 4-H Club Day **Saturday, April 1- Chisholm Middle** **School (Newton).**

What is 4-H Club Day?! it is an event for ALL 4-H members to showcase public speaking and talents and it is a lot of fun! This is also a check box for record books and pin applications. Some events include: talks and demonstrations, dance and music events, impromptu speaking, skits and readings and more! There is also a REELS category that will be an online submission.

More information about the event and guidelines can be found on our website (www.McPherson.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development, Upcoming Events.

Register for your entries (no later than March 20):

Register for **INDIVIDUAL** here:
<https://forms.gle/gyU51tz8mcr4k88E6>

Register for **GROUP/CLUB** here:
<https://forms.gle/5oN1Us4HuJW5DMhU7>

There are also additional opportunities such as Judging Contests (all ages), Pickle Power (5-13), Pickle Power Judges (14+ year olds), and lots of places we would ask families to sign up to assist during the day!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CACAA2CA2F49-multi>

2023 Spring Break Clover Camp

Ages 7-10

Tuesday, March 14

Drop off: 7:45-8:00 am

Pick up: 12:30 pm

\$5 per participant (activities, snack, and lunch provided)

register online at

<https://tinyurl.com/2023CloverCamp>

by Thursday, March 9th!



4-H Council

The next meeting will be held April 6 at 7 PM. Please be sure to have youth and adult reps available from your club!

Get Published

If you have news (successful events), dates or activities to share with other 4-H'ers, get them in the 4-H Clover Corner! Articles, pictures or dates you would like in April publication need to be to Lauralee by March 23. Email them to LHelm@ksu.edu.

4-H Development Fund Drive Joins Match Week

Match Week, hosted by the McPherson County Community Foundation is March 6-10, 2023. We have participated in the event for several years, but run a separate Development Fund Drive around the same time. This year we are combining efforts to get the best financial investment for McPherson County 4-H! This event holds incredible opportunity for our 4-H Endowment Fund. During that time, McPherson County Community Foundation will match donations and with your help, we could potentially receive up to \$20,000 of the \$100,000 match available.

Here's how Match Week works:

*Cash, Checks or Online Donations to our 4-H Endowment Fund (made to MCCF) can be brought to the Community Foundation (1233 N. Main, McPherson) from 9am-4pm March 6-9. We will also accept checks prior to this in the Extension Office that we will hand deliver to MCCF during Match Week!

*Donations can also be made March 6-10 at: www.tinyurl.com/4HMatchWeek All donations are tax deductible.

*Matching funds will be given to our organization based on a proportional basis. For example, if \$300,000 is raised and our organization received 10% of the total donations, we will receive \$10,000 in matching funds.

Our Development Fund serves as a financial source for:

- Scholarships to 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, National 4-H Congress, and High School Seniors
- 4-H Program Fee for Members enrolling by set deadline
- 2 curriculum books for each member meeting deadlines
- Fair Premium assistance
- Educational materials and supplies
- Record Book Awards
- T-Shirts for new members
- Donor & Leader Recognition
- Family Fun Events and other activities



What can you do to help?!

Clubs have been assigned past Top Donors that they are to contact personally about the benefits of donating. Brochures and a letter have been mailed to all others currently on the potential donors list.

- Please help your club contact Top Donors if requested!
- Please share the information about the drive with anyone you can think of! This might be mentioning it when you frequent a business or supporter that you see often and sharing about your 4-H experiences, sharing on social media or sharing with family and friends that may be new donors to our drive! Brochures are available at the Extension Office and social media graphics will be emailed and shared on Facebook!
- Following Match Week, a list of donors will be sent to each club. Clubs are asked to thank our donors! Be thinking about ways to help show our appreciation to donors!

Discovery Days- K-State Campus

Mark your calendars for June 7-9! (Note later date this year!) This will be the annual Discovery Days event on the K-State Campus! Discovery Days is open to all youth 13-18 (before Jan 1, 2023). Class information and registration will be available soon! www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html



4-H Camp Scholarships!

4-H Camp is offered this summer with Registration through Rock Springs. 4-H members and friends are able to register for any 3 night or 6 night session offered this year.

McPherson County 4-H will offer all 4-H members a \$125 scholarship to help with their Rock Springs camp costs this summer. In order to receive this, you must be fully registered for a session with confirmation turned into the Extension Office as well as a paragraph about your favorite 4-H event or activity and why! If for any reason you are unable to attend camp, the scholarship must be returned.

You can find more information, available sessions and registration at <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>

There are camp and leadership opportunities for those to be entering 3rd-12th grade next fall. There are also opportunities for a full scholarship to incoming high school seniors in the Counselor in Training Program (see website above for more details!)

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

BEEF- Beef tagging and weigh in will be by appointment this year on March 23 & March 24. Please make an appointment with Shad or the office for what time (8:30AM-6:30PM) you will be planning to weigh & tag on the fairgrounds. All market animals must be tagged. We can tag any breeding animals at this time as well.

SHEEP/MEAT GOATS-Weigh-in and tagging will take place in the Fairgrounds Block Building from 3:30 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 25. Please make arrangements to have all your market animals there that day to be tagged!

SWINE-Swine tagging will take place on the fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 25 from 3:30- 7:00 PM. This will be the same time as Sheep/Meat Goat for ease of people bringing multiple species. If you need a different time, please call and talk with Shad or the office.

Youth Livestock Quality Assurance-REQUIRED



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is open to youth 8-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. (7 year olds will complete as a county requirement) This training will be required yearly for all Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat exhibitors prior to the 4-H Fair. We will offer some in person trainings as well as an option to complete online. This is also required for state shows.

An in person training will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at the Extension Office. We will begin at 12:30 PM and done in about an hour!

SAVE THE DATE

Achievement Banquet
Sunday, November 5, 2023
McPherson Community Building
4:30 PM



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